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In re Application of
Natan BARON, et al.
Application No. 10/566,920
Filed: January 9, 2007
Attorney Docket No. **40007531-0002-002**

**DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 12, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed, August 18, 2009, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on November 19, 2009.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment, (2) the petition fee of \$810; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the application. The Revocation of Power of Attorney filed March 19, 2008 was rejected for failure to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 3.73(b) and therefore not considered. If the person signing the petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney document along with statement under 37 CFR 3.73(B) must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until appropriate instructions are received.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Monica A. Graves at (571) 272-7253.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2622 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received August 12, 2010.



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